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Sent on Behalf of Ramona Trovato

Dear Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Executive Director Hyde and Railroad Commission of Texas Executive Director Rister and staff,

On behalf of EPA, thank you for meeting with us on June 20 in Austin. We very much appreciated the opportunity to learn about your experiences and perspectives regarding unconventional oil and gas development in Texas.

Responsible development of America's shale gas resources offers important economic, energy security, and environmental benefits. EPA appreciates working with states and other stakeholders to understand and address potential concerns with hydraulic fracturing so the public has confidence that natural gas production will proceed in a safe and responsible manner.

We were pleased to share information on EPA's study of the potential impacts of hydraulic fracturing for oil and gas on drinking water resources. We hope you will send a few of your technical experts to our meeting in Dallas on July 15 to discuss the EPA study with an emphasis on our draft well file review analysis.

We will post publications on our hydraulic fracturing drinking water study website (www.epa.gov/hfstudy) and notify stakeholders as they become available. We will also explore opportunities for peer consultation with states on additional topics to be covered in EPA's draft assessment report prior to release for Science Advisory Board review and public comment. The assessment will have draft conclusions for peer review that rely on the synthesis of findings from the study's projects and a literature review.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Lisa Matthews, our state engagement lead, at matthews.lisa@epa.gov or 202-577-4035.

Sincerely,
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